### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION

In Re Flint Water Cases,	
WL:	
Washington, et al.,	
Plaintiffs,	
v.	
State of Michigan, et al.,	
Defendants.	

No. 5:16-cv-10444-JEL-MKM (consolidated)

Hon. Judith E. Levy

Mag. Mona K. Majzoub

No.: 16-cv-11247

# **CLAIMANT'S STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS**

NOW COMES the undersigned Objector, who provides this written statement of Objections pursuant to the Master Settlement Agreement (ECF No. 1319-1, revised 1394-21) ("MSA") Article XX to fulfill my duty as a concerned Flint resident and citizen after learning of the details and operations of different provisions of the MSA, which I believe are unfair, unreasonable, and inadequate:

My name is Sequoia Overstreet. I am the mother of three children who have also registered pursuant to the MSA. I was born at the old Flint Osteopathic Hospital in 1987. I have been a resident here my whole life. Currently I work as a licensed practical nurse.

I object to the proposed settlement outlined in the MSA and in the "Compensation Grid" because the allocation for those who have had bone scans is unfair and gives preference to a certain number of residents for arbitrary reasons. These scans create an unfair scheme because they have not been shown to be safe, and even if so, are impossible to obtain.

The bone scans are unfair because, first, there is no transparency about how they are done, raising concerns about their safety. These concerns have been made in other objections, and have been reported in

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Page references will be to the Revised version of the Settlement Agreement, ECF No. 1394-2.

local news media. I have also learned that the scans might have been done without proper licensing or registration under the law. If true, this underscores not only the lack of transparency, but how this kind of proof of damages is of limited availability.

Second, even if shown to be safe and reliable, I object to the use of these bone scans because unfair preference has been given to clients of Napoli Shkolnik, Levy Konigsberg, and other firms in the good graces of Napoli Shkolnik. A bone scan, if shown to be safe, would help me qualify for the higher damages categories, in the same way that it would help others who receive the scan qualify for higher awards.

Regarding my three minor children, two of them received blood lead tests but my youngest, born in 2017, did not. This means that my children too are at disadvantage to obtain the same kind of recovery as other children of comparable age and circumstance. Those who did receive blood tests and are able to get bones cans have double the means of obtaining higher awards compared to my children.

These issues show how there are fewer people who can qualify for these higher categories, something which makes up the third grounds of my objection to this proposed partial settlement. The most valuable categories for each age minor group have only two methods—blood tests or bone tests. Depending on the readings from either test, a person could get twice or 1.5 times more than someone who has a lower reading. And if a person's only means of showing exposure is a bone test but cannot get one, the highest that person can qualify for—the fifth most valuable category for any particular minor age group, Category 5 of Group X (ages 0-6), or the equivalent for the other minor tiers—an amount that is 10% of the highest compensable category, 13.33% of the second highest, 20% of the third category, and only 40% of the amount of someone who had *the lowest compensable bone scan reading*, only because he or she did not have access to the same method. In short, some people will get much more money than others—perhaps thousands if not tens of thousands more—not because they had a more severe injury, or suffered greater damages—but because they had access to a bone lead test while others did not. It's hard to understand how this outcome can be considered fair, especially because there is no other alternative way to get a comparable test that would be consistent across claimants.

For the foregoing reasons, I object to the proposed partial settlement, on behalf of myself and loved ones.

#### **OBJECTOR'S SIGNATURE:**

Sequoia Overstreet (DOB 1/9/87), on behalf of herself and her two minor children, L.G., a minor (DOB 4/17/17), X.G., a minor (DOB 7/13/06); Z.G., a minor (DOB 12/13/10)

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Subject: Cease and Desist

Marc

Cease and desist your office from calling our office for bone lead tests. We will not be giving you the courtesy of doing any tests for you.

If you continue harass us we will report you to the authorities.

Paul

Paul Napoli

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